

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE HAVE TO SAY? WHAT DO I BELIEVE?

1) How do I define dating? What is the purpose of dating?

Do you mean courting? Does a date have to be chaperoned? Is it only an exclusive relationship for the purpose of finding a spouse? Is it just ice cream dates and movie dates? How about with a group? How about prom? Long term? Just texting?

2) Why should I get into a dating relationship?

1 Corinthians 10:31 - "So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

Matthew 6:33 - "Seek the kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need."

Genesis 2:18 - "Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him."

Proverbs 4:23 - "Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life."

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3) What kind of person am I looking to date and marry?

1 Corinthians 10:31 - "So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

2 Cor. 6:14 - "Do not team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness?"

1 Cor. 7:39 - "A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. If her husband dies, she is free to marry anyone she wishes, but only if he loves the Lord."

Proverbs 31 - Chapter about a godly woman and what she looks like

Eph. 5:21-33 - Chapter about the ideal marriage and roles for husbands and wives

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4) What boundaries should there be in dating? Physical boundaries, emotional boundaries, etc.

Holding hands? Kissing? Making out? Laying down on the couch to watch a movie? What am I allowed to touch? What is off limits? What kinds of pictures can I send/not send?

1 Corinthians 10:31 - "So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

1 Corinthians 6:18 - "Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body."

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 - "God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. Then each of you will control his own body and live in holiness and honor--not in lustful passion like the pagans who do not know God and his ways."

Ephesians 4:26-27 - "And 'don't sin by letting anger control you. Don't let the sun go down while you are angry, for anger gives a foothold to the devil."

Ephesians 5:3 - "Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people."

Proverbs 6:27-28 - "Can a man scoop a flame into his lap and not have his clothes catch on fire? Can he walk on hot coals and not blister his feet?"

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5) Where will we spend time together while dating? Where won't we?

Proverbs 5 - Chapter about wisdom in running from sexual impurity

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6) What kinds of things will we talk about? What won't we talk about because it isn't beneficial?

1 Corinthians 10:31 - "So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

Ephesians 4:29 - "Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them."

Proverbs 21:23 - "Watch your tongue and keep your mouth shut, and you will stay out of trouble."

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7) Who will we include in the details of our dating relationship in order to gain wisdom and not isolate ourselves?

James 1:5 - If you need wisdom, ask your generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.

1 Corinthians 10:31 - "So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

Proverbs 18:1 - "Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment."

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